

Appl. No. 10/825,792
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1-11: (cancelled).

Claim 12 (new): A toothbrush comprising:
an elongate handle and a head;
the head comprising a longitudinal axis, a top face, and a bottom face;
the top face comprising a brushing surface;
the bottom face comprising a massaging surface;
the brushing surface comprising a generally circular collection of bristle tufts;
the massaging surface comprising a plurality of projections; and
wherein the plurality of projections are oriented in staggered rows.

Claim 13 (new): The toothbrush of Claim 12, wherein the plurality of projections are generally conical nubs.

Claim 14 (new): The toothbrush of Claim 12, wherein the plurality of projections are generally in rows transverse to the longitudinal axis of the brush.

Claim 15 (new): The toothbrush of Claim 14, wherein the plurality of projections are generally in rows generally parallel with the longitudinal axis of the brush.

Claim 16 (new): The toothbrush of Claim 15, wherein the plurality of projections cover a substantial portion of the bottom face.

Claim 17 (new): The toothbrush of Claim 15, wherein the entire plurality of projections are uniform in shape.

Claim 18 (new): The toothbrush of Claim 12, wherein the plurality of projections are formed from an elastomeric material.

Claim 19 (new): The toothbrush of Claim 18, wherein the plurality of projections are nubs.

Claim 20 (new): The toothbrush of Claim 19, wherein the plurality of projections are generally conical.

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Claim 21 (new): The toothbrush of Claim 20, wherein the head further comprises outwardly extending elastomeric ridge-like elements.

Claim 22 (new): The toothbrush of Claim 21, wherein the ridge-like elements are arcuate.

Claim 23 (new): The toothbrush of Claim 12, wherein the handle comprises a motor.

Claim 24 (new): The toothbrush of Claim 23, wherein the motor is operatively connected to the brushing surface and the massaging surface.

Claim 25 (new): A toothbrush comprising:
an elongate handle and a head;
the head comprising a longitudinal axis, a top face, and a bottom face;
the top face comprising a brushing surface;
the bottom face comprising a massaging surface;
the brushing surface comprising a generally circular collection of bristle tufts;
the massaging surface comprising a plurality of projections; and
wherein the plurality of projections are generally oriented in rows transverse to the longitudinal axis of the brush, and wherein the transverse rows are staggered.

Claim 26 (new): The toothbrush of Claim 25, wherein the plurality of projections are generally conical nubs.

Claim 27 (new): The toothbrush of Claim 26, wherein the plurality of projections are formed from an elastomeric material.

Claim 28 (new): The toothbrush of Claim 27, wherein the head further comprises arcuate elastomeric ridge-like elements.

Claim 29 (new): The toothbrush of Claim 25, wherein the handle comprises a motor, wherein the motor is operatively connected to the brushing surface and the massaging surface.

Claim 30 (new): A toothbrush comprising:
an elongate handle and a head;
the head comprising a longitudinal axis, a top face, and a bottom face;
the top face comprising a brushing surface;
the bottom face comprising a massaging surface;
the brushing surface comprising a generally circular collection of bristle tufts;
the massaging surface comprising a plurality of projections; and
wherein the plurality of projections are generally oriented in rows parallel with the longitudinal axis of the brush, and wherein the parallel rows are staggered.

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Claim 31 (new): The toothbrush of Claim 30, wherein the handle comprises a motor, wherein the motor is operatively connected to the brushing surface and the massaging surface.

Claim 32 (new): The toothbrush of Claim 31, wherein the motor imparts a pulsing motion to the massaging surface.